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TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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COTTON CONSUMPTION
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total domestic consumption of cotton in the country during last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the consumption of cotton is likely to increase in the coming years;

(c) if so, the estimated production and consumption of cotton in 2006-07 and 2007-08; and

(d) the steps taken to meet the requirement?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): The total domestic consumption of cotton in the country during the last three cotton years is (Oct-Sept) as under: -

(in Lakhs Bales of 170 kgs.)

COTTON YEAR (Oct - Sept)	COTTON CONSUMPTION		
	Mill Consumption SSI & Non SSI	Non Mill Consumption	Grand Total
2004-05	180.55	14.48	195.03
2005-06	202.00	15.00	217.00
2006-07	220.00	15.00	235.00

Estimated (source: Cotton Advisory Board)

(b) & (c): Yes sir. The domestic textile industry is expanding through increase in spindle as well as upgradation through technological advancement which may lead to increase in consumption of cotton in the coming years. The estimated production and consumption of cotton are given below: -

(in Lakhs Bales of 170 kgs.)

Cotton Year (Oct-Sept)	Cotton Production	Cotton Consumption		
		Mill Consumption SSI & Non SSI	Non Mill Consumption	Grand Total
2006-07	270.00	220.00	15.00	235.00
2007-08	284.00	236.00	15.00	251.00

As per the projection of the Working Group on Textiles and Jute for the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012).

(d): The Government of India has launched the Technology Mission on Cotton in 2000 with an objective of improvement in the

production, productivity and quality of indigenous cotton and reduction in the cost of cultivation in a Mission mode manner. Since 2003-04, the Government had commercially released drawing Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) cotton, which is pest resistant, to improve the cotton yield.